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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on August 13, 2007. Inasmuch as the three month shortened statutory period for reply is originally set in the Office Action to expire on November 13, 2007, this response is being filed by the initial due date for response. However, if any extension of time is necessary, this is an express request for any necessary extension of time and authorization to charge any required extension of time fee or any other fees which may be required to preserve the pendency of the present application to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.